

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as it is clear from the record, the closest prior art fails to teach or suggest the compressed domain editing process as skipping macroblocks located above, below and to the right of the region-of-interest for predictive coded frames and bi-directionally predictive frames in the video stream and deleting discrete cosine transform coefficients to the left of said region-of-interest for predictive coded frames and bi-directionally predictive- coded frames, and deleting discrete cosine transform coefficients outside the region-of-interest portion for intracoded frames.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSE M. TORRES whose telephone number is (571)270-1356. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:00am - 4:00pm.

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